

**FIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COORDINATING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION**

October 3, 2013

Present: James Ball
Joseph Bertholic
John Chartier
Brian Jackvony
Mark Pare
Jay Petrillo
Howard Tighe
Mark Vincent
John Woodard

Absent: David Gorman
Scott Kettelle
Timothy McLaughlin
Mark St. Pierre
David Sayles

Open Session of the Fire Education and Training Coordinating Board was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Tighe.

Motion made and approved to dispense Minutes from last month's meeting.

MARSHAL'S REPORT:

The Governor's office would like to replace the 6 positions on this board that have technically expired. So, if we could get letters from the representative agencies for new appointments in as soon as possible so that the Senate can confirm them in January. I will ask former Chief Deputy Michael DiMascolo if he would like to represent the Public Member.

(Discussion)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mark St. Pierre sent in a copy of the By-Laws of the Rhode Island Fire Education & Training Coordination Board that he has been working on. (Attached)

A copy of Rhode Island Fire Academy's current program costs. (Attached)

Phase 2 in Exeter continues to proceed forward. RGB has sent plans to DOA and DOA has sent them back to RGB. This is still a conceptual plan, block drawing. Another meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday to review the plans.

There has been some interest from EMA (3500 square space) to create an EOC on the RIFA site. We cannot offer that much space other than to incorporate a basement, which there is no budget for. EMA will have to contribute financially if they want an EOC on the site.

The 1989 Maxim Ladder truck is at InterState Diesel and has a leak in the rear hydraulic line that pushed out the rear stabilizer on the right-side of the truck. The ladder is out of date as far as inspection; that must be inspected. There was a lot of oil at the turntable and once we fix one

leak we will be able to move on to the next. InterState Diesel should have the main leak fixed by next week.

USAR/HazMat training is scheduled for Friday, October 25th at the training facility in Exeter. This will consist of four or more of the HazMat and Decon teams in the state as well as EMA's involvement. There should be around 200 people participating in the full day drill.

Traffic Management Program - Chief Jackvony made an inquiry about the progress of this program. Both Chief Deputy Gumbley and Training Officer Heroux attended the training session in March 2013. Chief Deputy Gumbley was to disseminate this course material back in April when the Board wanted to review the course material before it was added to the Academy's offerings. The Board members never received this information. Chief Deputy Gumbley was absent for the May meeting. The Board requested Chief Deputy Gumbley a second time in June that he disseminate this course material to all members. As of this date, the course material still has not been sent to the Board members for review.

Director Pare obtained a disc with the course material through the Federal Highway Administration and will prepare this program so that it may be offered by the Academy.

(Discussion)

Rhode Island Instructors' Association met earlier this month and had approximately 20 members in attendance. They are working on reestablishing their presence.

Director Pare proposes an addition to the Policies & Procedures regarding the age requirement for Rhode Island Fire Academy Programs. The Academy will not accept any student under the age of 18 years old into their programs. This is also supported by the State Fire Marshal.

(Discussion)

Motion made and approved to add the age requirement to the Policies & Procedures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Woonsocket Challenge Process – Meeting set with Director Pare, Jay Petrillo and Chief Jackvony to discuss the Massachusetts guidelines and review the final challenge process.

(Discussion)

UTR, Uniform Test Reports – Wayne Clarke from the Fire Marshal's Association was requested to draft a letter to the Board of Appeal to help promote inspections of extinguishing systems and sprinklers. The State Fire Marshal has also been requested to forward a letter as well and obtain a hearing date for a show of presence. The State Fire Marshal is waiting to hear back from DPS' legal department to approve that.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to present.

NEW BUSINESS:

A formal request letter was made to New York and New Jersey's Port Authority for a piece of steel for a memorial at the new academy.

A request from Chief Jackvony was made for an open enrollment Firefighter Level 2 program scheduled in March with Valley Falls hosting. He anticipates the members participating in the Safer Grant will fill this program.

(Discussion)

James Ball inquires about the HMO-40 program regarding the length and subject matter of the new program. Director Pare makes his intention clear of not letting the program exceed 40 hours. Suggestions made to try to get the program reduced to a more manageable 24-hour program.

(Discussion)

Presentation made by Joan McClusky from Jones & Bartlett. (Literature Attached)

Student prices range from \$82 to \$190.

(Discussion)

Motion made and approved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.